TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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"DRESS UP HERNDON FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

Neighborhood Decoration Contest Sponsored by Cultivating Community

Herndon, VA (November 30, 2009) – Town of Herndon residents are invited to deck the halls, hang wreaths, string lights – and nominate their own or their neighbors' homes for the fourth annual "Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays" Neighborhood Decoration Contest, sponsored by the town's Cultivating Community Initiative.

The contest is open to all town residents. Nominations should be forwarded by Friday,, December 11, to information@herndon-va.gov or call (703)435-6800 X2084

The judging panel, made up of volunteer citizen members of the Cultivating Community committee, will circulate throughout the Town on **Monday evening, December 14**, to determine contest winners. Judges will be looking for classical design, traditional themes, whimsical or creative decorations and more. Decorations on all nominated homes must be easily visible from the street.

Contest winners will be presented on the evening of the 14th with a festive sign, suitable for display; winners will also be recognized by Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis and the Town Council at the January 12, 2010 public meeting.

The Cultivating Community Initiative is a program designed to encourage beautification and enrich the quality of life in the Town of Herndon's neighborhoods. Other events produced by Cultivating Community include the Yard of the Month Awards, the Good Neighbor Awards and the Herndon Garden Tour. All programs are developed through the input of citizen volunteers.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people.

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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